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In re application of:

NAKAMURA

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Atty. Dck. No. 024018-00002

Serial No.: not yet assigned (div. of 09/673,655, filed January 5, 2001)

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For: MICROBE CULTURE CONTAINING MICROBES HAVING DIFFERENT CHARACTERS LIVING IN SYMBIOSIS WITH EACH OTHER AND METABOLITES THERE FROM, CARRIER AND ABSORBING MATERIAL CONTAINING THE ACTIVE INGREDIENTS OF THE CULTURE AND UTILIZATION THEREOF

AMENDMENT AND FEE TRANSMITTAL

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July 2, 2003

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified patent application.

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

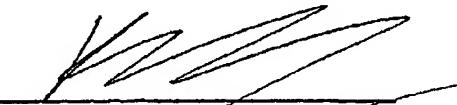
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TOTAL CLAIMS	103 MINUS	93	=10		
INDEP CLAIMS	1 MINUS	3	=0		
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				RATE	ADD'L FEE
				x 9	\$
				x 42	\$
				+140	\$
					\$
				OR	
				RATE	ADD'L FEE
				x 18	\$180
				x 84	\$
				+280	\$ 280
					\$460

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments without prejudice:

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